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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR TODMAN'S CIES SPEECH

1. FOLLOWING TEXT OF SPEECH BY AMBASSADOR TODMAN TO
TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, APRIL 12, 1977.

2. IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO WELCOME YOU TO WASHINGTON, D.C.
FOR THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF CIES. IT IS ALWAYS OUR
PLEASURE TO HAVE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES OF LATIN
AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN IN OUR CAPITAL CITY, ESPECIALLY
WHEN WE CAN ARRANGE THE KIND OF WEATHER WHICH I HOPE YOU
FIND AGREEABLE.

3. AS WE CONSIDER THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF
OUR MEMBER COUNTRIES THIS WEEK, I THINK WE SHOULD BE FULLY
AWARE OF THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES THAT HAVE
OCCURRED. WE ARE ALL, OF COURSE, WELL AWARE OF THE MAGNI-
TITUDE OF THE TASKS REMAINING.

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4. TODAY, IN 1977, LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AS A
WHOLE OCCUPY A MIDDLE LEVEL IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT AMONG THE AREAS OF THE WORLD. THIS HAS HAD
ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES. IN A GROUPING OF 23 SEPARATE

NATIONS, OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE GREAT VARIATIONS. SOME

MEMBER STATES ARE AMONG THE POOREST OF COUNTRIES--BUT OTHERS ARE REACHING LEVELS OF IMPRESSIVE NATIONAL INCOME. SOME MEMBER STATES ARE FACED WITH OBSTACLES TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SUCH AS LACK OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OR THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT ISLAND NATIONS. LEVELS OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT VARY WIDELY.

5. WE ALL KNOW ABOUT THE VARIETY AND DISPARITIES OF OUR NATIONAL CONDITIONS. WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT ON AN OCCASION LIKE THIS, WHEN WE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER AS THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, IS TO EMPHASIZE OUR SHARED INTEREST IN DEALING WITH THESE SITUATIONS THAT INVOLVE US ALL RATHER THAN THE DISTINCT-IONS AMONG US. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW--AND LEAVING ASIDE THE POLITICAL AND CULTURAL FEATURES OF LIFE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE -- THE UNITED STATES SEES OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE SOUTH AS REPRESENTING A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT PART OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC MAP. FROM A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA ARE MAJOR PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S GLOBAL ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS.

6. PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE GENERALLY MIDDLE ECONOMIC LEVEL OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, MY COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC INTERESTS ARE ESPECIALLY LARGE IN YOUR REGION. THE VOLUME OF OUR TRADE IS SUBSTANTIAL AND INCREASING. BEYOND THIS QUANTITATIVE

SIGNIFICANCE, YOUR COUNTRIES ARE VITAL TO THE UNITED STATES
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AS RELIABLE AND FRIENDLY SOURCES OF MANY OF THE COMMODITIES WE MUST IMPORT, FROM FUELS AND MINERALS TO FOODSTUFFS. AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE IMPORTING EVER MORE PROCESSED AND MANUFACTURED GOODS FROM YOU, AND WE WELCOME YOUR GROWING INDUSTRIALIZATION. FORTUNATELY FOR US, YOUR COUNTRIES ARE ALSO VERY IMPORTANT MARKETS FOR UNITED STATES PRODUCTS.

7. PRIVATE INVESTMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN RUNS INTO MANY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, AND IT IS SPREAD THROUGH MANY AREAS OF THE ECONOMIC LIVES OF YOUR COUNTRIES. IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL FLOWS FROM THE UNITED STATES, LATIN AMERICA IS AGAIN A PRINCIPAL RECIPIENT. THIS INCLUDES HUGE LOANS FROM OUR PRIVATE CAPITAL MARKETS, AS YOU WELL KNOW, IN ADDITION TO OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT FLOWS.

8. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT, THEN, OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA

AND THE UNITED STATES. A FEW MOMENTS AGO, I SAID THAT LATIN AMERICA'S MIDDLE LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT HELPED ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THE HISTORICAL FACT OF THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS AT LEAST DURING THIS CENTURY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE ATTAINMENT OF TODAY'S MIDDLE LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT.

9. OF COURSE THE FUTURE OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN IS IN YOUR HANDS, AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN. I HAVE NOTED WITH INTEREST THE APPENDIX TO ONE OF THE BASIC DOCUMENTS OF THIS MEETING THAT DESCRIBES SOME OF THE INTERNAL EFFORTS OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE A CONTINUING AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS, I THINK, AN ESSENTIAL PART OF ANY SERIOUS ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN THE REGION. ANOTHER IMPORTANT -- AND WE RECOGNIZE, OFTEN DIFFICULT -- ELEMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS ECONOMIC INTEGRATION WHICH LATIN AMERICA HAS PIONEERED, WITH LAFTA, THE ANDEAN UNCLASSIFIED

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GROUP, AND THE ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA, OR IN THE CARIBBEAN. WE SUPPORT THESE MOVEMENTS AND ARE PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY WITH YOUR EFFORT.

10. WE WANT TO MAKE OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE HISTORICAL PRECEDENTS THAT IMPEL OUR ONGOING PARTICIPATION. THE PRINCIPAL REASON, THOUGH, IS THAT IT IS RIGHT AND IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST THAT ALL PEOPLE IN THE HEMISPHERE SHOULD HAVE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE FULL LIVES, FREE OF DEPRIVATION OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO AND TO PARTICIPATE IN INCREASING HEMISPHERIC PROSPERITY.

11. THERE WILL BE DIFFERENCES AMONG US. LATIN AMERICA IS OFTEN IN THE VANGUARD OF WORLDWIDE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NORTH-SOUTH CONTEXT. THIS IS A POSITIVE FACTOR. THE QUALITY OF HUMAN RESOURCES YOU HAVE AVAILABLE ASSURES THAT YOUR PROPOSALS, YOUR INITIATIVES, ARE AT THE LEADING EDGE OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, AND WILL HAVE A HIGH INTELLECTUAL CONTENT. THE FACT THAT THESE ECONOMIC SUBJECTS ARE NOW UNMISTAKABLY GLOBAL IN NATURE GIVES YOU A CRUCIAL ROLE TO PLAY. YOUR COUNTRIES CONSTITUTE A MODEL OF RELATIVE SUCCESS. FOR ALL THE MYRIAD OF PROBLEMS THAT REMAIN, YOU HAVE ACHIEVED GROWTH RATES AND A MODERNIZATION YET TO COME IN MOST OF THE LESS DEVELOPED WORLD.

12. BUT THERE WILL BE PROBLEMS. TRADE ISSUES WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE OUR COMBINED SPECIAL ATTENTION. SOME OF YOU WERE INTERESTED IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT DECISION ON IMPORTS OF SHOES. SOON HE WILL HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ON SUGAR IMPORTS, AND VIRTUALLY EVERY MEMBER OF

THE OAS IS GREATLY INTERESTED IN THIS COMMODITY. THERE IS THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 AND OUR GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. THERE WILL BE NO LACK OF TRADE TOPICS TO OCCUPY US--AS IS COMPLETELY NATURAL IN VIEW OF THE VAST AND COMPLEX TRADE RELATIONS AMONG OUR COUNTRIES.
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13. I THINK YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS STRONG VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEEPLY HELD VIEWS THAT ARE REFLECTED IN OUR CONGRESS. CURRENTLY THE UNITED STATES IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO TAKE HUMAN RIGHTS INTO CONSIDERATION CONCERNING LOANS FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. THERE IS PRESENTLY CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE APPLIED BY CONGRESS TO LOANS FROM THE WORLD BANK. THUS, ALTHOUGH THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AS SUCH, IS PROBABLY MORE PROPERLY DISCUSSED IN OTHER ORGANS OF THE OAS, IN THIS INSTANCE, THAT SUBJECT DOES HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ECONOMIC MATTER, AND WILL HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH.

14. I WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO LIST ALL OF THE POSSIBLE SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION HERE. WE ALL KNOW THERE ARE MANY. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE CAN MEET LIKE THIS PRECISELY TO DISCUSS THESE SUBJECTS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL RESPECT, AND UNDERSTANDING, EVEN WHEN WE MAY DISAGREE.

15. THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL HAS MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS ON MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO ALL OUR COUNTRIES. IT HAS HELPED TO CLARIFY POINTS OF VIEW AND TO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING. IT HAS BEEN A FORUM IN WHICH YOU HAVE LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWPOINTS ON MANY OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC ISSUES. IT HAS BEEN A PLACE WHERE WE CAN DISCUSS AND DEBATE AND CONSIDER THESE ISSUES AND OFTEN ARRIVE AT MORE COMPATIBLE PERSPECTIVES. IT IS NOW ONE OF THE KEY LINKS BETWEEN A REGIONAL AND GLOBAL APPROACH TO TODAY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. IT REPRESENTS THE MOST IMPORTANT REGIONAL GROUPING IN DEVELOPING THE ISSUES OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH.

16. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION TWO FINAL MATTERS.

17. WITH REGARD TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE
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OAS IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AREA, I WANT TO STATE OUR

SUPPORT FOR THIS ASSISTANCE AND ALSO OUR SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE AND MAKE MORE EFFICIENT THE ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA. WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE PLEDGES DURING THIS MEETING FOR THE TWO VOLUNTARY FUNDS IN THE AREA.

18. FINALLY, I WANT TO TAKE NOTE OF THE AGENDA ITEM THAT INCLUDES THE STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR A SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO IT AND I WAS PLEASED TO HEAR WHAT THE DISIINGUISHED DELEGATE OF CHILE HAD TO SAY ABOUT THIS SUBJECT. WE WILL BE VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR WHAT OTHER DELEGATES MAY HAVE TO SAY ON THIS.

19. WE ON THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION LOOK FORWARD TO A USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE MEETING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.

20. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.
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